



Border to Border Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions—Supplement September, 2016

Application Questions:

If I am not an applicant, but an application is submitted for my area that I support, can I let the Office of Broadband Development know that? Or, if I am the applicant but don't have all letters of support returned to me in time to include with the application, can they be submitted after the application is filed?

While we encourage letters of support to be included with an application when filed, the Office of Broadband Development does accept letters of support directly at any time. Any letters received prior to the completion of the evaluation process will be considered as part of the application.

Do projects that will complete over one construction season score higher than those that take the full two years to complete?

There are many factors that go into scoring an application. Smaller projects may take only one construction season while larger projects will require the two full construction seasons allowed. We recommend that the project schedule included in the application be as realistic as possible as schedules are reviewed for reasonableness.

Challenge Questions:

Will a challenger have to provide detailed maps of where it does or will provide high speed broadband service as part of its challenge?

The law requires that the information submitted in a provider's challenge be evaluated by DEED to determine if the challenge is credible. As part of that evaluation, a challenger will have to submit to DEED detailed information as to where and when it will be providing broadband service at the state speed goals for each challenged project. The detailed information could be in the form of maps or location addresses. It is possible that the information provided may be submitted as proprietary. In that case, the information that would be available publicly will be limited.

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